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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 31, 2003, applicants elect the invention of Group I, drawn to a method of treating a disorder associated with inappropriate apoptosis via the modulation of CARD-7 expression or activity with a small molecule.

Applicants also elect the species of a neurodegenerative disorder. Claims 17-24, 27, 29-35, and 38 read on the elected species. The elections are made without traverse.

As detailed in the Restriction Requirement, it is applicants understanding that upon allowance of a linking claim (e.g., independent claim 17), the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim will be entitled to examination in the present application.

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